

HOUSE No. 787

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O'Flaherty for legislation to protect victims of crime while prosecutions are pending. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROTECT VICTIMS OF CRIME WHILE PROSECUTION IS PENDING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 42A the following section:—
- 3 Section 42B. The court may, after hearing, impose as terms or
- 4 conditions of personal recognizance or release on bail such terms
- 5 and conditions as will insure the safety of the alleged victim
- 6 pending disposition of the criminal charges. Such terms and con-
- 7 ditions may include reasonable restrictions on the defendant so as
- 8 to prevent contact with the alleged victim.